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## GERMANY TO HAND PRESIDENT TERMS FOR ENDING WAR

—SAYS REPORT

Washington Rumor Declares That Wilson May  
be Temporary Mediator Between Powers

GERARD TO MAKE VISIT TO THE KAISER

Sec. Lansing's Double Statement May Indicate  
He is Not in Accord With Executive

(International News Service)

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson may occupy a temporary role as mediator in the European war. There was a well defined report in diplomatic circles here today that Germany shortly will furnish him with a statement of the terms on which she is ready to make peace, but she will insist, the report says, that he secure from the entente similar statements which must be specific before he can communicate the German position to her enemies or make them public.

This was considered almost certain to be the first result of the peace note to Europe. Count Von Bernstorff declined to discuss the report for publication. It was admitted in German circles, however, that it was a strong possibility. It was also pointed out that if Germany takes any such action the entente powers will be placed at a very decided strategic disadvantage if they fail to do the same.

It already is certain that Germany is preparing to take the widest advantage of the offer of President Wilson. Confidential advices reaching this city say that the German chancellor is to confer with Ambassador Gerard, now due back at his post. She will furnish him with all available information regarding Germany's intentions. It is said.

Entente diplomatic circles have to a great extent recovered from their astonishment at the president's move, but there was no public discussion. Several of the diplomats were inclined severely to criticize the president for what they term his changing position. As evidence of this they pointed out that the strength of Secretary Lansing's early statement may have been very materially modified by his supplementary declaration, at which he had been sent for by the president. They pointed out from this that the president and Mr. Lansing were not in complete accord.

**BOTH LANSING STATEMENTS  
ARE PLACED ON CABLES.**  
(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—The two statements issued yesterday by Secretary Lansing in his explanation of the president's notes were dispatched today to all the nations to which the notes were sent.

It had been intended to send only the first Lansing statement, but the secretary decided to include the supplemental statement also because of the misinterpretation of the American attitude.

**AMBASSADOR GERARD MAY  
CONFER WITH THE KAISER**  
(International News Service.)

The Hague, Dec. 22.—The report from Berlin that the Kaiser may soon invite United States Ambassador Gerard to headquarters for a discussion.

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## MASONIC HOME BURNS; SEVERAL LIVES LOST

Big Institution at Wichita, Kansas, Destroyed  
Today. Aged Inmates Do Heroic Acts

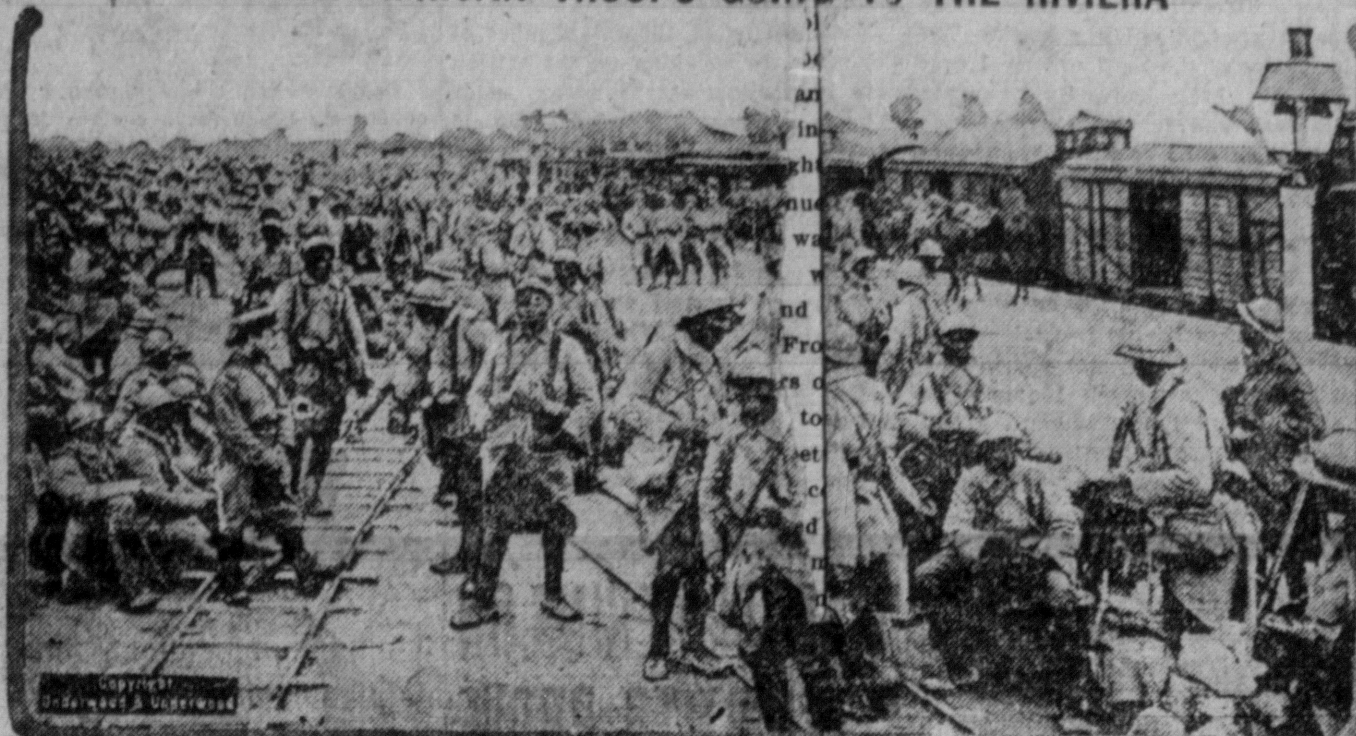
(International News Service.)

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 22.—Five persons, three of them women, are missing and believed to have perished in the \$300,000 fire that gutted the Kansas Masonic home today.

The body of a man so badly burned that it could not be identified was taken from the ruins at 10 o'clock. The bones of another victim, believed to be that of a woman, was found at the same time. The five persons missing are thought to have been trapped in a wing of the building.

The building was the finest Masonic home in the west. Some of the aged inmates performed acts of great heroism in rescuing orphan children. Two more bodies were recovered from the basement an hour later. The fire was burned from the bones.

## FRENCH AFRICAN TROOPS GOING TO THE RIVIERA



This photograph was taken while the French African fighters were en route to the Riviera to enjoy a well-earned rest following the battle of Douaumont, in which they creditably acquitted themselves.

## Payne Has Lived All His Life In Pair Of Twin Cities, Near Great Water Power Agencies

Mayor of Albany Has Real Reason For Being Enthusiastic  
Booster of Development at the Muscle Shoals

Mayor E. C. Payne half his life has lived in the Twin Cities on the Tennessee river. The other half he lived in the Twin Cities of New York state—Tonawanda and North Tonawanda.

That is a distinction few men enjoy, but Mayor Payne also spent those two halves of his life near the two greatest water power producing agencies in the world—Muscle Shoals

and Niagara Falls.

The Twin Cities of the South are only a few miles from the Shoals—the Twin Cities of the North are only a few miles from the roaring falls at Niagara. Is there any wonder that he is an enthusiastic booster of the nitrate plant, after seeing what cheap power has done to build up the great manufacturing section around North Tonawanda?

## BATTLE DEVELOPS CITIES IN GRASP OF IN NORTH DOBRUDJA KING WINTER NOW

RUSSIANS MAKE STRONG COUNTER  
ATTACKS AND MAY HAVE  
BEEN REINFORCED.

(International News Service.)  
Berlin, Dec. 22.—A big battle has developed in northern Dobrudja in the Roumanian theatre of war, according to messages received today from the front.

The German allies, under Von Mackensen, are pressing vigorously against the Russian army in an effort to push it into the great swamps that line the delta of the Danube or force its retreat northward into Bessarabia.

The Russian troops holding the Dobrudja line have launched violent counter attacks, which indicates that they have received reinforcements. In Wallachia the German allies are approaching Rimnik, on the railway that runs into Moldavia.

**VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTION  
IN SECTOR OF LOUVEMONT**  
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Paris, Dec. 22.—Violent artillery action took place in the sector of Louvemont, northeast of Verdun, during the night, the war office announced today. There were no events of importance elsewhere on the western front.

**TURK TOWN TAKEN.**  
(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, a strongly fortified Turkish town, 90 miles east of the Suez canal, has been captured by the British, according to an official dispatch from Cairo today.

## SIX MEN KILLED IN FLORIDA WRECK

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Six men were reported killed when a double header freight train on the Seaboard ran into a washout near McKinley, Fla., early this morning. Both engines were turned over and 20 cars were burned. But one member of the crew escaped.

**THERMOMETER WENT DOWN TO  
TWENTY LAST NIGHT, MRS.  
IRONS ANNOUNCES.**

Last night was cold, but not the coldest Albany-Decatur have experienced this year, according to Mrs. A. H. Irons, official government weather observer.

On two occasions in November the government thermometer dropped down to 18 above zero, but last night the lowest record was 20.

The street car company experienced great difficulty last night in the operation of its cars, the ice on the trolley making the wire very slippery. Every effort was made, however, to overcome the impediment.

This morning the two cities awoke to find the world covered with ice. But the drizzling rain that fell all day yesterday had stopped, much to the delight of the merchants, and Christmas shopping was resumed today on a large scale, despite the chilly blasts.

## GERMANY READY TO STATE TERMS

SEMI-OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED  
THAT NO DESIRE TO HEDGE ON  
STATING CONDITIONS.

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph at The Hague sent the following message today: "It is announced semi-officially that should the entente allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms at once."

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**

John Lower to Miss Kittle Ola Lee. W. A. Light to Miss Nancy E. King. Sterlin Turner to Miss Mollie Hudgins.

## DEFENSE BEGINS ON ATTEMPT TO PROVE WILLIAM RUSSELL'S MIND IS AFFECTED

BIRMINGHAM ALIENIST DECLARES  
PRISONER ACCUSED OF WIFE  
MURDER IS INSANE.

ATTORNEYS ENLIVEN TRIAL

SHARP SPARRING MATCHES OCCUR DURING CROSS EXAMINATION OF WITNESS.

A sharp fight over technical definitions and forms of insanity and frequent sparring matches between opposing counsel enlivened the trial of William Russell, who is charged with the murder of his wife, in the law and equity court this afternoon.

Dr. F. Ward, an alienist, of Birmingham, was called by the defense shortly after 2 o'clock, and swore that he had examined the defendant, and that in his opinion he was insane.

On cross-examination, the witness was questioned closely by Attorney Callahan regarding the meaning of various terms used by the medical profession in describing the several forms of insanity.

He was questioned also regarding the likelihood of insanity being inherited. The doctor declared nearly all forms of mania are inheritable. In answer to questions of Attorney Callahan, he said he could not conceive how a person, suffering from one form of insanity, or insanity of one part of the mind, could fail to be affected in the other branches or parts of the mind.

The state apparently was trying to show that Russell killed his wife because of jealousy and while suffering, possibly, from the effects of alcohol. The testimony of the witness was introduced to show that the defendant was suffering from insanity in his whole mind, not one part, and therefore was not responsible for his actions.

Dr. Ward followed Mr. Light, who testified regarding insanity in the defendant's family. The defense is seeking to establish that a streak appeared in several ancestors of the defendant.

**Father on Stand.**

The state rested its case yesterday afternoon, after introducing only four witnesses, and the defense immediately began its testimony. About fifteen witnesses have been examined. Dr. T. J. Russell, father of the defendant, was put on the stand this morning. He was examined directly by Attorney Earl Smith, of Huntsville, and cross-examined by Attorney Callahan, of Decatur.

Dr. Russell testified that his son had shown traces of insanity sometime preceding the killing, and that in his opinion he was then and is now insane. The witness said his son's

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## WILSON'S PROPOSAL OF PEACE PUZZLES PEOPLE OF BRITAIN

Comment is Divided, But Motive of American  
Executive is Not Questioned

PAPER SAYS UNINTENTIONALLY INSULTING

Bonar Law's Declaration that no Negotiations  
Considered While Teutons Boast of Being Victors

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—In an address from the throne proroguing parliament King George declared that "a vigorous prosecution of the war" would be the single aim of England until the security of Europe has been established. He indicated that peace is not yet in sight.

The address follows: "The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the right so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and have established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. I am confident that we shall finally achieve the victorious consummation of the aim for which we entered the war."

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—Chancellor Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons today that England could not deal with President Wilson's note until the government has had an opportunity to exchange ideas with her allies.

**NO PEACE WHILE TEUTONS**

**CLAIM TO BE VICTORS.**

(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—Chancellor A. Bonar Law's declaration in parliament that England will not consent to any peace conference with Germany so long as the Germans consider themselves victorious, will be Great Britain's reply to President Wilson's note. It was held in some quarters today.

If any doubt existed that England has decisively rejected the German proposal, made on the basis that Germany is the victor, it has been dispelled by the speech of Chancellor Law.

In some respects the speech of Chancellor Law was along the same line as that of Lloyd George on Tuesday. It declared that the allies are not fighting for more territory, but for two things—peace and the security of peace in the future.

In view of the constant fears expressed of Germany's militarism, this is accepted as a reiteration of the demand that Germany must relinquish decisively her military powers.

**SOME HOSTILE CRITICISM  
OF PRESIDENT'S PEACE NOTE**  
(International News Service.)

London, Dec. 22.—Although some hostile criticism is being directed against President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers suggesting that they state their peace terms, it is generally conceded that the American executive was prompted in his action by a spirit of humanitarianism.

The official text of the note was not made public by the press bureau until 7 o'clock last night, although summaries of the note had been carried by several news agencies.

The astonishment prevalent on Thursday had not abated today. The comment on the American note was nearly as keen, if not fully so, as that

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## VILLA HAS OPENED TORREON ATTACK

(International News Service.)

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Villa opened his attacks on the railway city of Torreon early today, according to reliable information received by mining men here today. He expects the city to be in his hands before nightfall. Villa, in person, led 3,000 troops to the assault.

## Schwab Says Big Steel Plant Loaned in Event of War

(International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 22.—The Bethlehem steel plant, now 50 per cent greater than the great Krupp works at Essen, will be turned over to the United States government the moment it is needed and without any strings attached.

Chas. M. Schwab, head of the great plant at Bethlehem, made this statement to a table full of distinguished publicists at the Lotus club and declared that the concern now has a capacity of 1,000,000 rounds of heavy ammunition a month.

"This," he declared, "I feel to be a great national asset to the government, and if the time comes that it is needed it will be placed at the disposal of the government to be used as the government sees fit, and the government itself shall name the price to be paid for the material produced."

Mr. Schwab said he did not fear "the effect of peace on American business."

## JAPAN WILL BUILD MANY WAR CRAFT

Great Program of Naval Expansion to Begin In  
1918 is Formally Announced

(International News Service.)

Tokio, Dec. 22.—A great program of naval expansion by the end of 1923 to give Japan overwhelming superiority over all fleets in the Pacific, including that of the United States, was officially announced today.

Beginning in 1918 the government will transfer yearly \$10,000,000 from the sinking fund to the naval construction fund. This step was decided on, the minister of finance stated to-

day, after the government has reached the conclusion that the increase of the navy is more urgent than redemption of the national debt.

By the end of 1923, it is estimated, Japan will have built three battleships, two battle cruisers, nine scout cruisers, 25 destroyers and 18 submarines.

This will bring the battle fleet up to eight of the most modern battleships and four battle cruisers.



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PEACE ON EARTH,  
GOOD WILL AMONG MEN.

The action of President Wilson in suggesting means for the settlement of the world war will make it a happier Christmas for some of us who cannot but be concerned over the inhuman slaughter of humanity on the battlefields of Europe. It is to be sincerely hoped that the president's advice will be taken in the spirit it was given and that the war may soon be terminated.

The celebration of the day of Christ's nativity is essentially a peace festival. The birth of the founder of the Christian religion—the coming of a new and better civilization for the world. "Peace on earth, good will among men" was the very song of the heavenly hosts who welcomed the Child as he lay in the manger of Bethlehem. The celebration of Christmas with cannon roaring before Verdun; with bloody battles with hand grenades, liquid fire, shells, rifle fire and the other deadly instruments of warfare on the Somme; with Roumania a frontierless pool of blood; with the harmless citizenry, including the women and children of the warring nations, menaced by the deadly Zeppelin and the hostile aircraft; the celebration of Christmas with all these un-Christian incidents to mar it, is but a travesty. There is exacting the tribute of mankind instead of the joyful personality of the spirit of the season.

As so Americans, along with the people of all Christian nations, devoutly pray at this season of the year, especially that the roar of the cannon may be stilled and the battlefields of the warring powers furled. There can be no happy Yuletide for the world so long as more than half of it is embroiled in history's bloodiest war.

SECRETARY LANSING'S TALK  
NOT NECESSARILY BELLIGERENT.

The statement given out yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing, while on its face the most positive assertion ever made officially by that suave and conciliatory diplomat, was possibly misunderstood and misconstrued by the American public. Evidently Secretary Lansing himself thought so, for he issued an explanatory statement later in which he said:

My intention was to suggest the very direct and honest intent of which this country as a neutral country has in the possible terms the belligerents may have in mind, and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality, which it has consistently pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties.

Looked at in the light of his explanation, what Secretary Lansing intended to do was to add force to the peace proposal of President Wilson by pointing out the imminent danger to the United States from a continuation of the war. What he did not intend to do, was to give the impression that the United States had concluded to fight on one side or the other at a very near date.

President Wilson's peace move and Secretary Lansing's initial statement were contradictory in tone, as the American public saw it. So antagonistic were the two utterances that the former sent the cotton market upward, while the latter hurled it down in an avalanche of selling. The first Lansing statement really received its interpretation from speculative sources, although it must be admitted that the language was well calculated to carry a different meaning from that probably intended. It was an unfortunately worded statement, that is all.

No recent incidents would warrant the United States in departing from its announced policy of neutrality. Only a very drastic violation of our rights would bring public sentiment to the support of the president in taking a hand in the European struggle at this time. Just now the peace outlook is brighter than ever before. The plain duty of this great republic is made more plain by the opportunity that it has as the leading neutral in taking the initiative in effecting the termination of the war.

LIMESTONE COUNTY PAPERS  
ALSO ADVANCE PRICE.

The high cost of paper, for some months now the bugbear of newspaper publishers, has made its effect felt in Limestone county. The Democrat and Courier, two of the best known and most readable weeklies in the entire state, have announced, jointly, an advance in subscription price from \$1.00 per year to \$1.50 per year.

They make the following statement in their issues of this week:

Owing to the high cost of news paper on which the Democrat and Courier are printed the publishers of both papers have been forced to raise the price of subscription. This is done that the papers may continue publication. The cost of paper has advanced from two cents to more than seven cents per pound and at the present rate of cost, one dollar will not pay for the paper and the cost of putting in the mails. We feel that the people recognizing the fact that everything has advanced in price, farm products as well, will be willing to aid the papers to continue publication by the small increase in the price of the same. Beginning the first day of January the annual subscription will be advanced to one dollar and fifty cents, cash in advance. This is made necessary to save the publishers from actual loss in the cost of production. We hope to be able to give you the worth of your money and save ourselves from heavy loss. This increase will not make us whole, but have decided that we shall not raise the price higher.

I. H. Rawls, Manager Courier.  
R. H. Walker, Pub. Democrat.

The Courier and Democrat are fortunate in being able to affect an agreement that will save them from financial loss, one that will enable them to conduct their business on strictly business principles. It is not always the case that competitors can work in such apparent harmony. With the subscription price of the majority of high class weekly newspapers advanced to \$1.50 per year, the subscribers of the Daily who receive the paper six days in the week should feel grateful to the Daily's advertisers, who make it possible for this newspaper to continue its minimum charge of \$3.00 per year by mail and 10 cents per week by carrier. It is needless to say that this scarcely pays for the white paper.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County.  
Probate Court, Dec. 22, 1916.  
Estate of Harry W. Preston, Minor.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Marvin West as guardian of the estate of Harry W. Preston, a minor, has filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of his guardianship of said estate and that the 1st day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D 8-15-22 Judge of Probate

Application for Registration of Marks  
and Brands of Milk Bottles Belonging  
to Decatur Ice Cream Co., Inc.

I, J. W. Clopton, president of Decatur Ice Cream Co., a corporation, located at 703 Bank street, Decatur, Ala., hereby make application to Judge of Probate of Morgan county for registration of Marks and Brands on Milk Bottles described below, viz:

Glass bottles of one pint capacity with letter "D" molded in side of bottle.  
Glass bottles of one pint capacity with monogram containing letters "D. I. C." molded in side of bottle.  
Glass bottles of one pint capacity with name, Decatur Ice Cream Co., Decatur, Ala., molded in side of bottle.

Also bottles of one quart and one-half pint capacity marked same as pint bottles described above.

Witness our hands and seals this 6th day of December, 1916.

DECATUR ICE CREAM CO.  
(Signed)—By J. W. CLOPTON, President.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

MORGAN COUNTY.

I, Wm. E. Skeggs, Judge of Probate in and for said County and said State, hereby certify that J. W. Clopton, president of Decatur Ice Cream Co., whose name is signed to the foregoing application, and who is known to me acknowledged before me, on this day, that being informed of the contents of the foregoing application, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1916.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D 8-15-22 Judge of Probate.

## RUB-MY-TISM

Will cure your Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headaches, Cramps, Colic, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts and Burns, Old Sores, Stings of Insects, Etc. Antiseptic Anodyne, used internally and externally. Price 25c.

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Just In Passing  
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## CITIES ARE ADVERTISED.

"This year is probably the best for lumbermen in the past ten years," said H. A. Childerson, local lumber broker. "Prices have been good." Mr. Childerson received honorable mention in the American Lumberman this month, when he opened his offices in Albany-Decatur.

## POLICE DOCKET CLEAN.

"I bet Albany has the cleanest police docket of any city of the same size in Alabama," said Mayor E. C. Payne. "We will not average trying more than two cases a week. The city is one of the most orderly I ever saw. We have had only one case this week and in that the fine was remitted on good behavior. We should be proud of Albany."

## DAILY FOUND THE COW.

"I just want to let you know that the want ad I ran in the Daily found my cow," Miss Minnie Lee telephoned the Daily office this morning. "You don't know how much I appreciate the Daily and how fortunate I feel we are in having such a progressive advertising medium," she said.

## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Alabama, Morgan County.  
Probate Court, December 22, 1916.  
Estate of Albert McDonald, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Anna McDonald, as administratrix of the estate of Albert McDonald, has filed her accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of her administration of said estate and that the 13th day of January, 1917, has been set as the day for hearing such settlement, at which time you can appear and contest said settlement.

WM. E. SKEGGS,  
D 22-29 J 5 Judge of Probate

Suitable gifts in furniture, specially priced this week. Cook Bros. Furniture Co. 18-1f

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.  
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Strasburg, O., is pretty much a one-horse town. It only has a population of 1,015. Its trade territory is not very large, for it is bounded on all sides by big cities, including Cincinnati and Cleveland. Compared to most of the little cities in Washington, it is not much of a place. Garver Bros' store, located in Strasburg, in 1915, did a business of \$427,735.97. When Mr. G. A. Garver, the manager, was invited over to Cleveland by the Ad club to tell how he did it, he went. And he told. His story may all be summed up in one statement:

"Last year we spent \$15,360.47, or 33 percent of our sales, for advertising."

The next time one of your merchants springs a hard luck story on you tell him about Garver Brothers' store. And don't forget to bear down hard on the fact that they spend 33 per cent of their sales for advertising.—Exchange.

Business or professional cards, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Let Us Help You Get  
More Business.

If you want more business you cannot afford to overlook any of the few means of getting it.

The people in your community are buying by telephone more and more every day.

If you want their trade you must make it possible for them to buy from you by telephone.

Let us install a telephone for you and help you get more business.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

WILSON'S PROPOSAL  
OF PEACE PUZZLES

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which greeted the proposals of Mr. Von Bethmann-Holwegg, the German chancellor, that the belligerent powers "enter into peace negotiations forthwith."

In spite of the fact that some public men believed that President Wilson's note was ill-timed, there is a powerful political faction that desires the aid of the United States.

Noe Buxton, a Liberal member of Congress, in speaking on the Wilson note in parliament Thursday said: "The government will welcome the aid of the United States in negotiating the terms of peace."

The Daily Chronicle said that President Wilson's statement that the object of the peace negotiations is to bring about a "most peaceful" settlement is "the most painful for belligerents." "The president did not say his words as an insult, but they are deeply insulting nonetheless, and the allied peoples can be expected to relish them. The figures of the statesmen we respect, but he has made a profound mistake."

DEFENSE BEGINS ON  
ATTEMPT TO PROVE

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principal illusion seemed to be jealousy toward his father. He declared there was absolutely no foundation for it. He said he had treated his daughter-in-law as he would one of his own daughters.

The defendant, the witness declared, also seemed to harbor an illusion regarding money and at times seemed to think he had not been treated fairly by his father.

## Court Room Crowded.

The family of the dead woman sat with the state's attorneys at the sessions today. The court room again was crowded today, while the large number of witnesses filled the large upstairs corridor.

The defense may conclude its testimony late today and the case probably will be finished by Saturday night.

## STAGE OF RIVER.

Chattanooga, Dec. 22:—(Special.)—The stage of the river follows:

Chattanooga, 7.6; cloudy; precipitation .08.

Bridgesport, 1.6; cloudy; precipitation .03.

Guntersville, 5.7; cloudy; precipitation .08.

Police Records so Far  
Show Few Arrests This  
Yuletide Season Here

One more day and the big Christmas rush will be over. Santa will have done all of his shopping and reports from the Land of Reindeer and Snow say that tomorrow night he is going to rest a few hours and then begin his journey of love to the children of the big busy world of ours.

But thus far, the Yuletide season has been celebrated here only in a quiet, orderly way. The records of the two police courts and the sheriff's office probably will establish a new record for few arrests. The sheriff's office has made no arrests in several days, while the Albany police report but one case this week. The Decatur officers had a number of delinquents before Mayor Nelson Monday, but since then that court, too, has been exceedingly quiet.

Federal Farm Banks  
Are Located in Week

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22:—The federal farm loan board has practically agreed upon the 12 cities in which federal farm loan banks are to be located. The south and east will be given most of the banks. The farm loan banks will not be placed in the same cities with federal reserve banks, except in one or two cases. The location of the banks will be made public in a week.

From official sources it was learned that the following cities have received the approval of the board: Hutchinson, Kan.; New Orleans, La.; Houston, Texas; Charlotte, N. C.; Sacramento, Ca.

Strangers get your social rating from your calling cards. See the line of engraved cards for men and women at the Daily office. We keep up with the styles.

## ON THE PRINCE



Dodge—When I was abroad I was constantly taken for a certain crown prince whom I believe I resemble.

Hodge—I suppose you had to shell out some large tips.

Dodge—No; I let the prince get the reputation of being a piker.

## COMPARING PRICES



Mrs. Rimesling—This hat cost \$20. Isn't it a poem?

Mr. Rimesling—Twenty dollars? Say, woman, that's a whole library of poetry.

## WHACK



"I went out to Doctor Updike's sanitarium the other day. He keeps all his fever patients on the ground floor."

"What does he do that for?"

"To keep their temperature down."

## ANTS PUT ANOTHER TO DEATH

Insect Imbued Too Freely of Alcohol and Is Drowned by "Committee" of His Fellows.

National prohibition is in force among the ants. The insects are so firmly set against intoxication among their fellows that the punishment of death is not too severe for one who oversteps the bounds. This was brought out in a lecture by Dr. S. C. Schmucker, vice president of the University of Notre Dame, at the St. Jasper county (Ind.) teachers' institute.

Doctor Schmucker told the story as an experience of Sir John Lovett, an authority on ants. A quantity of alcohol was placed on a piece of sugar, and one ant that imbibed too freely was put to death by a "committee" of four of his fellow ants. The one ant ate the sugar and alcohol until it became so intoxicated it could not move. One of the ants discovered the intoxicated one, and went back to the ant hill. Three others returned with it, and the four finally dragged the intoxicated ant to a tiny stream of water and drowned it.—Indianapolis News.

## BITS OF INFORMATION

Philadelphia has 200,000 school children.  
Chicago has 6,085 lawyers, a gain of 228 in a year.  
Cleveland has 1,000,000 street car riders daily.

China yearly imports \$4,000,000 worth of various kinds of leather.  
Color blindness is said to have been discovered by the famous Doctor Priestly in 1777.  
The tusks of an African elephant sometimes weigh as much as 100 pounds, and reach nine feet in length.  
One hundred and fifty hosiery and knit goods mills in Philadelphia produce \$15,000,000 worth of material annually.

## WANTS

HELP WANTED, REAL ESTATE and HOMES FOR SALE, LOST or FOUND, LOANS ETC. All Want Ads Cash in Advance.

No advertisement taken for less than 25 cents  
25 words, 1 time..... 25c  
25 words, 2 times..... 50c  
25 words, 3 times..... 75c  
25 words, 1 week..... \$1.00  
25 words, 1 mo..... \$3.00  
50 words, 1 time..... 50c  
50 words, 2 times..... 1.00  
50 words, 3 times..... 1.50  
50 words, 1 week..... \$2.00  
50 words, 1 mo..... \$6.00

LAMBERT'S MAGIC CEMENT mends China, Glass, Cut Glass, Furniture, anything; holds instantly perfect transparent. Try a demonstration free. Home from 1 to 4 Mrs. Niles, 316 Cain St., Decatur. 1t

LOST—At Decatur depot, black cabin top grip, with initials "E. W. H.," Memphis, Tenn. Return to J. W. Cunningham, Decatur, or to Mrs. Laura Horton, Athens, and receive liberal reward. 22-3t

FOUND—In the building occupied by the New Decatur postoffice prior to removal, one gold handled umbrella. Owner can have by calling at postoffice, identifying and paying cost of this ad. 22-1t

LOST—Cameo breast pin, figure of woman seated by lamp, lost somewhere on Second Avenue or on car between Second Avenue and Seventh street, south. Return to this office and receive liberal reward. 20-3t

FOR SALE—Five shares Central National Bank stock. Address "Central," care Albany-Decatur Daily. 20-6t

FOR SALE—Two-story, 8-room house with all modern conveniences, in the best repair, large lot, first class location and only one block from high school. Write or call 509 Oak street, Decatur. 18-6t

FLAT FOR RENT—Seven-room, newly overhauled, modern conveniences. \$8 per month. Call W. B. Edmundson. Phone Albany 124. 18-1t

For Steam Heated Flats, Phone 294. 16-1t

BARGAINS—I have two 5-acre tracts with new cottages, and also two 5-acre tracts with no improvements, in West Town. Installments, E. H. Allison. 20-1t

SIX PER CENT MONEY on well improved homes; repaid by monthly installments. E. H. Allison. 7-1t

WOOD FOR SALE—Hickory or stove wood. Call Wilder Place, 124, New Decatur. M 2-17t



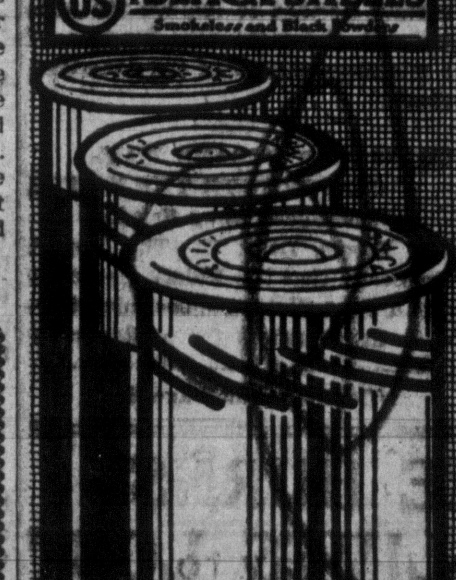
## Save him—

to be a useful American  
If he were your boy, there is no extreme to which you would not go to snatch him from the clutches of the White Plague.

Unfortunately he has no noble protector. His life depends upon what you and other patriotic Americans do for him. Write him a letter. RED CROSS. XMAS SEALS give you this opportunity. Make the most of it. Buy generously.

## US BLACK SHEALS

Black Sheals and Black Sheals



WE have a booklet describing three tests that definitely indicate the best shot shell. That booklet is free to every hunter.

Thousands of sportsmen have had the fun of making these tests and have obtained very valuable information.

Ask us for the free booklet and make the famous Three Tests for yourself.

## CROW &amp; CROW

Received by express this morning, a big shipment of imported dolls and other toys. The Toy Shop, 316 Bank Street.

## Christmas Flowers

Poinsettias, Cyclamens, Primroses, Begonias, Holly, Green Sheet Moss, Immortelles, Boxwood Sprays, Azaleas, Cut Flowers, and Ferns

"Don't pay the middle man, buy direct"

The City Park  
GREENHOUSE  
Telephone 105 Day and Night

## Hunter's Messenger

BOYS Are Prompt and Reliable  
TAN SHOES DYED BLACK

Phone Decatur 70. 609 Bank St.

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Chenault & Chenault  
Physicians and Surgeons  
501-2 2nd Ave., New Decatur, Ala.  
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Knives and Scissors Sharpened  
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Phone 483-J 118 Lafayette St.

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Successors to

## Jervis Lumber Co.

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Lumber, Building Material, and General Contracting.

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Now that Wilson is elected and Muscle Shoals comes next, it is time to buy land. I have 10, 30, 40, 80, 160 and 360 acre tracts lying between the Twin Cities and Muscle Shoals, for sale. Call to see me at the office of my lawyer.

## W. A. CURRY

Room 6, Colonial Building.  
Real Estate and Insurance.  
DAN WALDEN

Money,  
Money,  
Money  
to Lend

on improved farm lands in Morgan and Cullman and adjoining counties.

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Done on Short Notice

## J. S. Walker &amp; Co.

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We Know How  
Phone 49  
New Decatur

## H. MULLEN

418 Second Ave.  
Steam and Hot Water Heating.  
Estimates Furnished.  
Phone Albany 327-J.  
Office Phone 64.



## Fire the Second Time

For the second time within 48 hours the Albany fire department answered an alarm last night to a vacant house at 720 Riverside avenue. The house was badly damaged Wednesday night, the front porch and front rooms being left standing. These were burned last night, the flames apparently starting on the front porch, according to the firemen.

The house was two stories and was known for years as the "old Bunch Place."

## PERSONALS

Tooney Buttrey, of Nashville, will spend the holidays with his father, J. A. Buttrey, and is expected to arrive here Sunday morning.

Harry Cline has returned to Birmingham after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cline, on account of his illness.

J. W. Gibson will leave for Pensacola on tomorrow morning to spend the holidays.

Bert and Roy Murphree have returned from the University of Alabama to spend the holidays.

Vernon Cassels will return from the University of Alabama to spend Christmas with relatives.

## Chicago Schools Close When Fire Goes Out

(International News Service.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—On Chicago school, with an attendance of 1,500, was compelled to shut down today because of the coal famine and eight others were burning their last ton before noon. One hundred and fifty schools reported barely enough coal to last through the day.

Business or professional card, printed or engraved. The Daily.

Received by express this morning, a big shipment of imported dolls and other toys. The Toy Shop, 316 Bank Street.

# SOCIETY

## THOMPSON-C.M.L.

A pretty home wedding was that of Miss Ruby Call and Fred Thompson, which was solemnized last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Call. The ceremony took place at the Hartsville place. The ceremony was witnessed only by a few intimate friends. Rev. G. W. Wilburn, of Birmingham, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left for a bride trip to St. Louis, and on their return will be at home in Albany.

## STEPHENSON-JONES.

Miss Alma Jones and Mr. Adlia Stephenson of Bethel surprised their friends last Sunday when they motored to the home of Rev. R. L. Quinn where they were married. Miss Alma is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Jones and is very popular among the younger set. Mr. Stephenson is one of the valued salesmen of J. T. Templeton—Hartselle Enterprise.

## COOK-Long.

The many friends here of John L. Cook, son of Judge and Mrs. S. L. Cook, will be interested in the announcement of his marriage tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother, at Athens, to Miss Leone Long, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Long. After the ceremony the couple will leave for a southern bride trip, and will be at home in Albany after next Sunday. Mr. Cook is the manager of the Athens branch of the Buchheit Bottling Works.

Mrs. L. Weber, of Florence, who recently underwent an operation at Benevolent hospital, continues to improve.

Miss Augusta Gibson will return from Athens to remain during the holidays.

Mrs. R. G. Rhodes, who has been ill during the past two weeks, is much improved.

Mrs. K. W. Burrell and little daughter, Doris, of Huntsville, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rhodes.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson has returned from Atlanta.

Mrs. Anna Milice of Warsaw, Ind., arrived yesterday and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Borton.

Miss Gertrude Berry left this afternoon for Birmingham to spend Christmas.

Pauline, Mildred, Haywood and Donald Tapscott left this afternoon to spend the holidays at Birmingham.

Misses Tate Ashford and Miriam Sherrod, of Courtland, are here shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Browning, of Eora, Miss., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whitman for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Sholl and family will leave Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Birmingham.

Miss Madgie Hames will leave for Memphis today to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Love and children, of Birmingham, will arrive this afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Cowan.

Mrs. Palmer and children, of Atlanta, Ga., will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. F. M. Robertson left this afternoon for Gurley to spend Christmas with Malcolm, her son, who is attending school at that point.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crawford, will motor from Birmingham to Albany for the holidays, arriving Saturday.

Mrs. B. A. Ross and son, Herman, will spend the holidays with relatives in Athens.

Miss Kathleen Brock is at home from Birmingham College for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dinmore and children, of Birmingham, will arrive Sunday for the holidays.

Mrs. Alvin Jolly is convalescent after a severe attack of grip.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Lysander Grau will keep open house during the holidays.

## CLUB CALENDAR.

Saturday.  
Slik Stocking.—  
Colonial Club dance—Club rooms.

## MRS. PAT BROCK, A ROOK HOSTESS.

Mrs. Pat Brock was the charming hostess at a rook party yesterday afternoon. The holiday season was pronounced in the color scheme of red and green, using bells, holly, vines and ferns. The mantle of the living room was banked in the green, that was starred by lighted candles; the dining room continued the Christmas motif. The table was centered by a large plateau, on which rested a handsome fern, and from the fronds hung tiny Santas. From the chandelier depended streamers of red and green, that were caught to the table by bells. The arch between the rooms was laced with graceful vines, from which hung the red bells. Those playing were Mesdames A. E. Peden, Phil Humphrey, Sam Irwin, Jno. D. Wyker, J. B. Cassels, Coppage, Esther Bearden, E. D. Whitman, H. C. Hutcheson, J. O. Camp, T. H. Williams, Minnie Draper, Will Wyker, W. H. Watson, Pete Ballas, Fred Hunt, E. W. Hines, Misses Cleary, Hartses, Brock, Giles. Mrs. Cassels made the top score, while Miss Cleary was second. A delicious salad course was served.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS AT FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

The First M. E. church of Decatur will celebrate Christmas with a "White Christmas." It will be a vesper service and the following program has been arranged:  
Organ prelude.  
Song, "Joy to the World"—Choir and congregation.  
Invocation—Dr. Stevenson.  
Responsive Scripture Reading—Luke 2, 1-14.  
Song, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"—Choir and congregation.  
"Story of the Other Wise Men"—Miss Christine Woodward.  
Duet—Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Austel.  
Recitation—Elizabeth Davis.  
Presentation of Gifts—by Cradle Roll.  
Presentation of Gifts—by Beginners.  
Presentation of Gifts—by Primaries.  
Responsive Scripture Reading by Juniors—Mat. 2, 7-12.  
Presentation of their Gifts.  
A Child's Christmas Story—Marjorie Pointer.  
Gifts from Intermediate, Senior and Home Departments.  
Male Quartet—"Silent Night."  
Tableau—"Adoration of the Wise Men and Shepherds."  
Christmas Legend—Miss Lula Garrett.  
Song—Miss Katie Reese.  
Song—"Consecration"—Choir and Congregation.  
Benediction.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Zeitler and daughter, Anne, will arrive Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Cortner for the holidays.

This Suit offering is genuine to the very core. Investigate and you will get a Buttrey Suit. They are the best.

"NEW AND UP-TO-DATE"  
**BUTTREY'S**  
THE HOME OF FROLASET CORSET

# A Grand Xmas Offering

## Tonight and Tomorrow

Unrestricted choice of any Suit in our stocks, regardless of former selling price, or cost, tonight and tomorrow for only

# \$15.00

Why not give a real sensible Xmas gift to that deserving wife, daughter, mother or sister of yours? After all, she is the one who loves you best. She answers every needy call, and ready to help at all times.

COME IN TONIGHT OR TOMORROW

WE WISH YOU ALL "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

# Christmas Gifts for All at Decatur Drug Co., Inc.

Some suggestions are offered among the following that will, no doubt, please you and make your Christmas Shopping easy.

## Our Line of French Ivory Goods

Toilet Sets in Boxes—\$5 to \$25  
French Ivory Hand Mirrors  
French Ivory Combs  
French Ivory Hair Brushes  
French Ivory Cloth Brushes  
French Ivory Manicure Sets  
Many styles and prices, the kind you can have engraved.

## White Buffs

White Shoe Horns  
White Puff Boxes  
White Trays  
White Trinket Baskets  
White Infant Sets  
A choice selection of many designs at attractive prices

Box Paper all colors, latest styles from 50c. to \$5 box. Correspondence Cards, all colors; up to now styles, 25c to \$1.00. Crepe and Tissue paper.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CHRISTMAS SEALS, CHRISTMAS TAGS, CHRISTMAS POST CARDS, CHRISTMAS RIBBONS, CHRISTMAS GOLD and SILVER CORD

We have a fine assortment of all the latest colors and wordings to suit everyone

Music Rolls, Shaving Stands, Sterno Stoves, Smoker Sets, Oval Trays, Icy Hot Bottles, Fountain Pens, Merchaum Pipes, Briar pipes, Amber Pipes, Smoking Tobacco in fancy jars, Chafing Dishes, Fancy Pictures, small oval and square silver frames, Copper Trays, Gentlemen's Pocket Books, Gentlemen's Card Cases, Tally Cards, Cut Glass Puff Boxes, Cut Glass Perfume Bottles, Holly Empty Boxes for packages, all sizes.

PERFUMES, TOILET WATERS, FACE POWDERS, ROUGE, and everything for the toilet; all sizes, all prices.

These are only a few of the many items suitable for gifts that you will find at our store

WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION

Norris Candy In Holiday Boxes, and Baskets Get Her a Package

# Decatur Drug Co., Inc.

Phone 94, Decatur, Ala.

## Christmas Pardon For William J. Cummins

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Governor Whitman has granted a Christmas pardon to W. J. Cummins, the Nashville-New York financier, convicted of wrecking the Carnegie Bank & Trust Company. Mr. Cummins was sentenced for 4 years and 8 months and served 3 years and 2 months.

Suitable gifts in furniture, especially priced this week. Cook Bros. Furniture Co.

## SHE MARRIED THREE BIRDS.

(Valley Enterprise.) The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Parridge, her first husband was named Robins, her second husband Sparrow, the present Quale.

There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow and three Quales in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jay, but he's dead now and a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a relative of the family.

# Notice

I wish to notify all customers that have Christmas goods laid away and desire them before Christmas Day to call for them Saturday, December 23rd.

Christmas Eve comes on Sunday and my store will be closed on that day.

## J. W. Thornton



**Highest Cash Prices**  
PAID FOR  
**Furs and Hides**  
Southern Hide & Tallow Company

**'Sox' Sorber Will Return From Springs Saturday**

"Sox" Sorber, the fire chief of the Albany department, is expected to return Saturday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he went recently for his health. Mr. Sorber is very much improved, he writes friends here.

Old Papers for Sale at Daily office

**\$15,000 SPENT BY SOUTHERN BELL**

**BIG OUTLAY FOR IMPROVED SWITCHBOARD AND OUTSIDE WIRING.**

Fifteen thousand dollars has been spent recently in Albany by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in improving its local plant, and \$1,200 improving the switchboard and outside street, Decatur, according to announcement today of District Manager Cassels.

The expenditure in Albany was for improving the switchboard and outside wiring. A large force was employed to do the work, which is now practically completed.

In improving the switchboard, service was necessarily impaired, Mr. Cassels stated, but the public generally had been considerate and had realized that the company was doing all they could to give the best service under the circumstances.

**Jewish Body to Hold Convention**

The second annual convention of the Jewish Religious Association of Alabama will begin in Birmingham on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and will continue three days.

The program for the convention, which has just been made public, provides for a number of speeches by prominent Jewish educators from various parts of the country. Among them will be Dr. J. Morgenstern, professor of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati; Rabbi B. C. Ehrenreich of Montgomery; H. Feibelman, of Mobile, and others.

The sessions of the convention will be held at Temple Emanuel. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon, and evening. Among the prominent Alabama rabbis who will be in attendance are Rabbi I. Isaacson, of Selma; Rabbi A. G. Moses, of Mobile; Rabbi Morris Newfield, of Birmingham; Rabbi B. C. Ehrenreich of Montgomery, and others.

Received by express this morning, a big shipment of imported dolls and other toys. The Toy Shop, 316 Bank Street.

Suitable gifts in furniture, specially priced this week. Cook Bros. Furniture Co.



**Help him make a Christmas of HEALTH—**

AFTER all, Christmas is only a success when you give to make others happier. And what better gift can you give than health to sufferers and protection to those about them!

Once a year the Red Cross Seal makes its appeal to you for support in its winning fight against tuberculosis.

With the money paid for RED CROSS SEALS, both children and grown-ups are taught how to escape and conquer Tuberculosis, pneumonia and other lung diseases, and hospitals are secured.

Here is your chance to do a real good and right in your own state. For the Seal supports the health work in the state where they are purchased. Buy liberally to bring new life to those who have less of life's pleasures than you.

Buy Red Cross Seals of your local agent.



NO USE



"Taint no use o' gettin' mad at a man for bein' foolish."

"Why not?"

"He's gwinter hab' trouble enough 'thout you botherin' to give 'im any."

Business or professional cards, from The Daily.

**PENSIVE BANNED BY POLICE**

**"BETTER KILL THEM NOW," POLICE CHIEF TELLS THE OWNERS.**

Owners of hogs in Albany, in violation of the city code, had best take advantage of the present cold snap and kill the porkers, according to Chief of Police Cobb.

"As soon as the weather clears up, we are going to take the city wagons and personally visit every owner of a hog in the city and bring the porkers to jail with us," he said this morning.

This morning there were a number of pigs in the city pound. Several cows kept them company. The stock was "taken up" by the police force yesterday and last night and the owners must call at the city hall to get their property back.

**Saturday--at Garnett's**

**Only One Day In Which to Do Your Xmas Shopping**

Come to the store where the price is RIGHT and the clerks POLITE

WE WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR TOYLAND!**

**Garnett's The Big Bargain King**  
316 BANK STREET

**For Xmas Presents**

COME TO OUR STORE

JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS--TOYS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS

Dolls	Express Wagons	Silverware	Rocky Horses
Velocipedes	Conster Wagons	Percolators	Thermo Bottles
Game Sets	Irish Mail Wagons	Caring Sets	Chinaware
Enamel Ware	Boys Farm Wagons	Tableware	Table Cutlery
Ranges	Aluminum Ware	Pocket Knives	Oil Stoves
Heaters	Roller Skates	Scissors	Woodenware
Bicycles	Razors, Old-Style Safety	Children's Rocking Chairs	

Surely You Can Find It Here! Don't forget that for every \$1.00 Cash Purchase and for \$2.00 paid on account you get a ticket on a \$45.00 Favorite Range to be given at our store Dec. 23rd at 9 p. m. Remember that your tickets must be here at that time.

SECOND AVE. **Sivley & Sandlin** ALBANY ALA.

**DON'T WORRY**

If you get CHRISTMAS dirt on you, just send your clothes to us, we'll return them looking as good as ever.

**QUALITY LAUNDRY And Dry Cleaners**

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**"We Clean Anything"**

**HAVE MORE MONEY NEXT CHRISTMAS**

We would like YOU to be one of the BIG, HAPPY THROG that will make up our CHRISTMAS Savings Club for 1917. No matter what your circumstances or conditions in life may be, you will be better off if you become a member. You will enjoy the spirit of Christmas the year round, and by your co-operation you will help yourself as well as others to have a much more enjoyable Christmas than would be possible otherwise.

**Money is a Big Factor in making Christmas Merry**

If you have money to buy presents for those you love--if you can buy freely and without stint or inconvenience, you will enjoy CHRISTMAS to the fullest extent and will be happy in making others happy.

**Our Christmas Savings Club Insures You The Necessary Money**  
JUST WHEN YOU WILL NEED IT MOST

It provides a SURE, SATISFACTORY and EASY way to accumulate a sum sufficient for your needs by making SMALL WEEKLY DEPOSITS--these deposits are so small and distributed in such a manner that you can keep them up without any particular effort  
**HERE IS THE PLAN--Enroll in One or More of the Following Classes**

CLASS 1. Members depositing 1 cent the first week, 2 cents the second week and increasing 1 cent each week for fifty weeks will get **\$12.75**

CLASS 1A. Members depositing 50 cents the first week, 49 cents the second week and decreasing 1 cent each week for 50 weeks will get **\$12.75**

CLASS 2. Members depositing 2 cents the first week, 4 cents the second week, and increasing 2 cents each week for 50 weeks will get **\$25.50**

CLASS 2A. Members depositing \$1.00 the first week, 98 cents the second week and decreasing 2 cents each week for fifty weeks, will get **\$25.50**

CLASS 5. Members depositing 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second week and increasing 5 cents each week, for 50 weeks will get **\$63.75**

CLASS 5A. Members depositing \$2.50 the first week, \$2.45 the second week, and decreasing 5 cents each week for fifty weeks, will get **\$63.75**

CLASS 25 Fixed. Members depositing 25 cent a week fixed, for fifty weeks will get **\$12.50**

Class 50 Fixed. Members depositing 50 cents a week fixed for fifty weeks, will get **\$25.00**

CLASS 100 Fixed. Members depositing \$1.00 for a week fixed, for fifty weeks will get **\$50.00**

CLASS 200 Fixed. Members depositing \$2.00 a week fixed, for fifty weeks, will get **\$100.00**

Everybody Is invited. Have Everyone in the Family enroll--including the Baby  
All You Have to do to Enroll is to make the First Deposit. No Fees, Fines or Trouble

**THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK**

A National **4%** Bank for Savings





**Better baking guaranteed!**

There are no "ifs" about the results you will get from **Valley's Dainty Flour**. This super-fine flour is guaranteed to give you whiter, lighter and finer-flavored baking.

Valley's Dainty Flour is made of finest wheat, milled by a special slow process, which saves all its fine flavor, then sifted through silk to make its texture extra fine. It is quality flour and it gives quality results in baking. Have your grocer send you Valley's Dainty next time you need flour.

Manufactured from SELECTED WINTER WHEAT OF BEST QUALITY.

**Try a Want Ad!**

# I Am Your Mother

I am your Mother—to me you owe your very existence.  
 I nurtured you and cared for you when you were a helpless babe.  
 I guarded your life and being with a hand and a heart that knew no tiring.  
 I taught you to walk, to talk, to see and know the beauties of God's world.  
 I watched with loving care and prayerful heed while you grew from my arms into this world of sunshine and gloom.  
 I tried to teach you and prepare you for the battle of life that you might know and heed the ways of right.  
 I have given you such a love—a mother's love—that has no equal on this earth—a love that has never faltered and never will.  
 I have laughed with you and gloried in your joys and success—I have cried with you in your sorrows and reverses, your failures have made my love stronger—for I am your mother.  
 I have asked only that you be my child—that your love for me may ever have that sweet and abiding faith as when you were a babe in my arms.  
 I have sent you out among men as my gift to the world—I am praying that you may fulfill my heart's desires—that you may be a blessing to mankind.  
 I am thinking of you always—my thoughts have a backward turn at this yuletide season—I think of the happy Christmas times when you were a child.  
 I wish for you all the happiness that comes to me with memories of your childhood days—a peaceful happiness that is lasting and supreme, for

## I AM YOUR MOTHER

## A Gift for That Mother of Yours

And to Help You Remember that John L. Proctor Will Cut the Price One Fourth on Any of the Following:  
**Morris Chairs, Fireside Chairs and Rockers, Ladies' Desks, Dining Tables, Buffets, China Closets, Bookcases, Library Tables, Den Furniture, Floor and Table Lamps, Pedestals, Odd Pieces, Dressers, Dressing Tables, Brass and Iron Beds, Floor and Mantel Clocks, Sewing Tables and Chairs, Card Tables,**  
 and hundreds of other things that mother would appreciate, and you have only today and tomorrow left to buy them.  
**DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHER!**

## MORGAN FURNITURE COMPANY

YOUR CREDIT IS ALWAYS GOOD HERE

J. L. PROCTOR  
 Manager  
 Second Avenue  
 Albany, Ala.



**Good Work of American Chemists.**  
 Prior to August, 1914, ichthyol, an asphaltic material employed as an antiseptic medicament, was imported from Europe. It is derived from a bituminous rock, filled with fossil fish, that is found in the Austrian Tyrol. In view of the inadequacy of the foreign supply to meet the domestic demand under present conditions, America has come to depend on its own resources. So far as known, there are in this country no deposits of asphaltic material of the peculiar type from which ichthyol is derived, but American chemists have solved the problem of supplying the domestic needs in this regard, and favorably recommended substitutes for ichthyol, prepared from domestic materials by synthetic methods, are now available in the markets.

**Cause for Alarm.**  
 "My nephew, Virgil Pucker, had been sick for quite awhile," related old Riley Rezzidew, "and as soon as he was able to totter around in the house he wobbled out into the kitchen. Presently we heard a thud, and ran there to find him senseless on the floor. When he came to himself he told us that it was practically all over with him—he new he would never be any better, for his face was so bulged and twisted out of shape that nobody could possibly look at he did and live longer. It was sometime before we discovered that he had been looking at himself in the mirror over the sink."—Kansas City Star.

Old Papers for Sale at Daily Office.

## MORE THAN NONSENSE MAKER

**Edward Lear, Known to Most as Gentle Humorist, Was Also Famed as a Painter.**

Most of us when we think of Edward Lear think vaguely of someone who wrote delectable rhymes of nonsense and fun, a man who made queer pictures of impossible creatures to go with his rhymes, who compiled a weird natural history and botany all his own, and spent his life making odd jokes.

We have sung, or heard someone else sing, his "Owl and the Pussy Cat"—and—and—well, that's about all.

But Edward Lear's nonsense books were the very smallest part of the work of a long and busy life, and his real labor was that of a painter rather than a writer.

More than what he did, even, was what he was—a lovable and charming man, adored by children, with the gentlest heart in the world, a great lover of beauty and devoted to his friends. Lear's real character and work have been described in St. Nicholas, by Hildegarde Hawthorne. Though Lear's work was in general so serious, to the end of his life in 1888, Miss Hawthorne says, he continued to write his ridiculous verses and make his funny sketches in letters to his friends.

**Calling Cards.**—The last word in correct stationery can be obtained from the Daily. Look our line over.

Old Papers for Sale at Daily Office.

## MORGAN TEACHERS RAISE FUNDS TO AID FEAGIN IN MEETING DEFICIT

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS SUBSCRIBED BY THOSE AT INSTITUTE.

SESSIONS CONCLUDED TODAY

CHROCHETING AND FANCY WORK ARE TABOOED BY INSTRUCTORS; RIGID RULES.

The Morgan County Teachers' Institute, which has been in session a Decatur public school building since Wednesday, will formally conclude its work today. Owing to the nearness of the Christmas holidays, two days work were crowded into one yesterday when the sessions began at 8 o'clock in the morning and terminated at 10 o'clock at night. The teachers will leave for their homes on late train today.

One of the features of the meeting yesterday was the subscribing of \$185 by the teachers to help defray expenses of the campaign conducted by State Superintendent Feagin in the interest of the educational amendment to the constitution. Superintendent Feagin advanced some \$7,000 of his personal funds to finance the campaign, and the teachers of the various counties of the state have undertaken to reimburse him for the outlay. At the session yesterday many complimentary things were said of the state superintendent and the aggressive fight that he waged.

**Chrocheting Forbidden.**  
 One of the amusing features of the sessions of the institute was the evident determination of some of the lady teachers to complete their Christmas work by chrocheting. Various articles of fancy work were brought along, and while the instructors talked, the teachers made the little needles fly in and out. So strenuous were these activities that the instructors requested that they be discontinued, which was done.

The Institute has been conducted along practical and rigid lines, and the attendance has been kept up to the maximum by the enforcement of strict rules compelling the presence of every member. Frequent roll call have made it impossible for even the teachers to play "hooky," and in consequence no Christmas shopping has been done during work hours. Under the new state laws, teachers who do not attend the sessions of the Institute automatically abrogate their contracts.

**Prof. Thomas Speaks.**  
 Prof. J. S. Thomas, of the University of Alabama, appeared before the Institute in an interesting address on "Health and Sanitation in the Schools."

Professor Thomas' talk was very practical and filled with illustration of what is being done to protect the health of the school children. How malarial fever is spread and how its spread may be prevented, was presented very forcibly. How mental retardation results from defects of eye, ear, nose and throat and teeth was also brought out.

**Thursday's Session.**  
 Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. M. Stevenson, pastor of the First Methodist church, Decatur after which the McGehee Furniture Company favored the Institute with several Victrola selections.

R. E. Ledbetter made an earnest appeal to the teachers to better equip themselves through professional reading and study. He took up the Reading Circle books and pointed the many topics discussed in them that would aid teachers in improving themselves in service.

**Departmental.**  
 Miss Lula Bradford continued her discussion of Wednesday on the teaching of reading in the primary grades. Mr. Ledbetter, in the intermediate department, gave a comprehensive discussion on the teaching of reading. Much interest was shown by the teachers.

In the High School department, Miss Anna Reynolds, of Albany, led the discussion on the reading of English, and the place of formal grammar. Some real problems were presented and many helpful suggestions offered. On the subject, "Who Shall be Admitted to Our High Schools?" the following men gave short talks, voicing their opinions: Messrs. Murphree, Riddle, Collier, Cowart, Bone, Hunt.

The departmental sessions continued throughout the afternoon Thursday and Friday, the following taking leading parts: Miss Florence Tilman, A. B. Murphree, J. S. Banard, on "Mathematics in the High School," Miss Bradford and Mr. Ledbetter on

taking up the common branches taught in the grades.

Miss Gladys Godbey of Albany, presented in a masterly manner the topic of "History, Its Place and Method of Presentation." Professor Bone followed on the same topic.

Professor Kay, of the State University, favored this department with an interesting address on "The Teaching of Science." Mr. Wheeler followed on the same topic. Prof. J. S. Thomas was present and made a few interesting and vital remarks.

**Thursday Afternoon.**

Miss Bradford in an earnest address on the "Teacher and the Pupil" urged the teachers to know the child and his home conditions. Her call was a call to aid suffering humanity. She presented the broader vision to the teachers in the business of teachers. The earnestness of the speaker filled her hearers with inspiration to render a bigger service.

**Teachers Contribute to Fund.**

In the recent amendment campaign Superintendent Feagin financed with his personal funds the greater portion of the work. He became indebted to the sum of more than \$6,000, and the teachers of the state realizing the good to come from such an amendment and not wishing to have Mr. Feagin bear the entire burden, are contributing willingly to reimburse him. The Morgan county teachers have contributed and pledged \$187.50.

**Miss Foster Speaks.**  
 Miss Foster, state leader for the removal of illiteracy, came before the Institute with an address on the progress of the campaign against illiteracy in the state. Miss Foster is always an inspiration and her address was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thursday evening the following program was presented:

- 1—Opening song.
- 2—Vocal solo—Miss Katie Reese.
- 3—Reading—Miss Fannie Johnson.
- 4—The School as a Community Center—Miss Allen, Mr. Collier.
- 5—Literary Society Work in the Rural School—Miss Speake, A. B. Murphree.
- 6—Violin solo—Miss Alice Hatten.
- 7—How to Improve the Sanitary Condition in Our Schools—Dr. F. P. Petty.
- 8—What Can I Do to Encourage the Boys' Corn Club and Girls' Tomato Club Work?—Mrs. Cornelson.
- 9—Manual Training and Domestic Science in the Rural School—Miss Pearl Davidson and Prof. C. H. Sibert.
- 10—Instrumental—Miss Batley.

## Southern Bell Gives Employees Big Cash Bonus For Christmas

Speaking of real Christmas gifts, the Southern Bell Telephone Company is there.

Today the Southern Bell is presenting each of its local employees with a yuletide remembrance of 70 per cent of their last month's salaries. This amounts to a donation of about \$1,500 in Albany and Decatur and about \$3,000 in the district, according to District Superintendent Cassells.

The Southern Bell checks for the month of December also arrived today, being mailed out in advance.

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## BRIDE OF ITALIAN PRINCE



Margaret Draper, daughter of the late Ambassador and Mrs. W. F. Draper of Massachusetts, photographed in her bridal gown immediately after her marriage to Prince Boncompagni in Washington. Princess Boncompagni will come into full control of half the large Draper fortune at the age of twenty-five, two years hence. The fortune was built up through her father's inventive genius in the textile industry. Margaret was born in Italy, where her father was ambassador during the first McKinley administration. The Doctress Queen Margherita of Italy was her godmother. Prince Boncompagni is descended from a noted family, is thirty-two years of age, and an officer in a crack Italian cavalry regiment. He is now on leave, after having been severely wounded a year ago.

## Christmas Tree at First Presbyterian

The Christmas tree celebration at the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church, of Decatur, will be held at the church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. All members, their parents and friends are urged to be present.

## GERMANY TO HAND PRESIDENT TERMS

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of possible mediation by the United States, aroused much comment in diplomatic circles today. It is felt that the Kaiser, in his peace efforts, is putting much hope in the help that the United States may give in bringing about a conference.

## LANSING HASNT RESIGNED.

(International News Service.)  
Washington, Dec. 22.—Stock brokers' reports that Secretary of State Lansing had resigned were brought to his attention today. His only reply was: "Don't ask foolish questions."

## Senator Gallinger in War of Endorsement

Blocks Move to Stand Back of the President's Peace Proposal.

(International News Service.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator Gallinger, the republican leader, blocked another effort by Senator Hitchcock this afternoon to have the senate endorse the president's peace move.

Senator Hitchcock introduced a resolution similar to that referred to the foreign relations committee yesterday after Senator Borah's objection.

When Senator Gallinger objected to its immediate consideration, Senator Hitchcock asked that it go over under the rules and gave notice that he would call it up immediately on the reconvening of congress after the holidays.

## Thomas Ratliff and Miss Mosley Married

Thomas O. Ratliff, popular employee of the Masonic theatre, and Miss Elizabeth Mosley, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mosely, of Decatur, were married at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. W. N. Sholl Thursday. They will leave for Jasper today on a short honeymoon.



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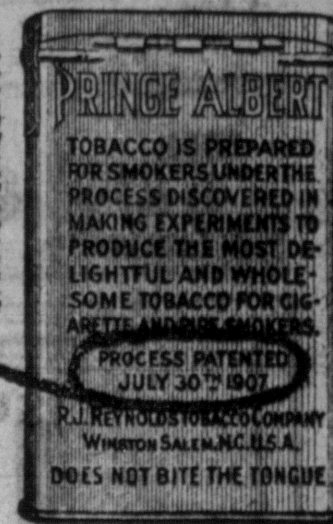
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## Flonzo Payne is Shot by New Hope Citizen

Flonzo Payne, aged 22 years, is in a serious condition at his Poplar Ridge home, across the river, from wounds received from a shot in the hands of Pete Turner, a merchant of near New Hope, according to reports received here this afternoon.

Payne is said to have gone to the Turner store and to have attempted to shoot several persons there. Turner will claim self defense, it is said.

## Jackson Highway Meeting Postponed

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 22.—The meeting of the directors of the Jackson Highway association, which had been called to convene in Birmingham December 28, has been postponed until January 11 at the request of Peter Lee Atherton, of Louisville, Ky., president of the organization. Mr. Atherton yesterday wrote J. A. Rountree, secretary of the United States Good Roads association, asking him to notify the Chamber of Commerce of

Birmingham, at which place the meeting was to be held, of this change of date.

In his letter Mr. Atherton declared that a large number of the directors of the Jackson association could not attend the meeting next week, and for this reason the change was made. It is planned to select the route through Birmingham at this coming meeting of the directors.

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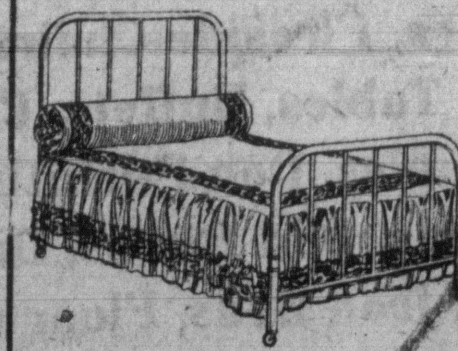
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